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OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of)) No. D05-423
AMERICAN REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY) CONSENT ORDER) IMPOSING A FINE)

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Findings of Fact:

- 1. American Republic Insurance Company ("American Republic") is authorized to conduct insurance business in Washington State. It issues individual health insurance.
- 2. RCW 48.20.025(5) requires every insurer issuing or renewing individual health benefit plans in this state during the previous calendar year to file for review by the Insurance Commissioner supporting documentation of its actual loss ratio for individual health benefit plans offered or renewed in the state for the preceding calendar year. This documentation must be filed with the Commissioner by the last day of May each year, following the calendar year which is the subject of the documentation. The statute became effective on March 23, 2000.
- 3. American Republic failed to timely file its documentation for calendar years 2002 and 2004. That documentation was filed on June 6, 2003 and June 7, 2005, respectively.

Conclusions of Law:

- 1. American Republic's failure to timely file its calendar year loss ratios for 2002 and 2004 constitutes two violations of RCW 48.20.025(5).
- 2. RCW 48.05.185 authorizes the Commissioner to impose a fine in lieu of or in addition to the suspension or revocation of an insurer's certificate of authority.

Consent to Order:

American Republic Insurance Company consents to the following, in order to resolve this matter without further legal or administrative proceedings. The Insurance Commissioner consents to resolve this matter in consideration of the insurer's payment of a fine as set forth below.

- American Republic consents to the entry of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and acknowledges its duty to comply fully with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Washington. It waives further administrative or legal challenge to the actions taken, or to be taken, by the Insurance Commissioner, related to the subject matter of this Order.
- Within thirty days of the entry of this Order, American Republic Insurance 2. Company will pay to the Insurance Commissioner a fine in the amount of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars).
- Failure to pay the fine in full within thirty days of the entry of this order will constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of the certificate of authority held by American Republic in Washington State. It will also result in a civil action being brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner, to recover the fine.

Executed this 28 day of February, 2006.

AMERICAN REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: 102 2

Printed Name: Michael C. Fitzgerald

Printed Corporate Title: Vice President & General Counsel

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Consent to Order, the Insurance Commissioner orders as follows:

Order:

- American Republic Insurance Company is ordered to pay, within thirty days of the entry of this order, a fine in the amount of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars).
- Failure to pay the fine timely and in full will constitute grounds for suspension or 2. revocation of the certificate of authority held by the insurer in Washington State. It will also result in a civil action being brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner, to recover the fine.

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Executed this 1 day of March, 2006

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Insurance Commissioner

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Legal Affairs Division